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Dear [redacted]

I'm writing this letter to introduce myself to you and to indicate our great pleasure at receiving the word that you would soon be joining us as [redacted] of our newly established national organization which for security purposes ~~I will not endeavor to describe at this time.~~ I feel that you will find our work extremely challenging and certainly as important as anything else I can possibly conceive of at the moment.

I'm sure that you must have some wonderment as to who we are and what the real nature of the urgency is in your assignment and I can assure you that we will give you the most complete set of briefings and detailed descriptions once you have reported in to Washington. Trying to appreciate your own situation, I personally would have been most willing for you to take such leave as you would need after rejoining your family on the West Coast and before reporting in to Washington. However as a matter not of Army regulation but of great urgency in Army policy I have been told that it will be necessary for you to come here in a most expeditious manner. I am sure that once you have reported aboard we can work out a leave schedule which would permit you to take care of the many details involved in re-establishing your family here on the East Coast.

I have been very much impressed with your service record and the many fine descriptions of your own personal attributes which I have received from [redacted] and others, and I hope that you may be as favorably impressed with our own organization and the mission which has been laid out for it. I would like to assure you that you will be most warmly received and welcomed here and that we will do everything in our power to make this a most worthwhile and productive military assignment. I promise you one hundred percent cooperation and loyal support of an organization made up of highly qualified and dedicated specialists. I am sorry that I can not be more specific about details in this writing but trust that you will understand once you have been briefed on the local situation.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes to you and your family for a safe and pleasant trip to our area, I will close for the present.

Very truly yours,

Arthur C. Lundahl